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Connecticut Airport Authority Announces Clay Lacy Aviation Expansion at Waterbury-Oxford Airport

Clay Lacy Aviation will expand Northeast U.S. operations and create 100 new jobs in Connecticut

(Windsor Locks, CT) – October 29, 2020 – The Connecticut Airport Authority (CAA) is pleased to announce an expanded partnership with <u>Clay Lacy Aviation</u> involving a 30-year lease on 16 acres of land at Waterbury-Oxford Airport (KOXC) in Oxford, CT, which will expand Clay Lacy Aviation's Northeast U.S. base of operations. Clay Lacy Aviation will invest \$20M to build the new Fixed Base Operator (FBO), and maintenance, repair and overhaul facility, bringing 100 new jobs to Connecticut.

Founded in 1968, Clay Lacy is one of the country's most experienced and respected business aviation operators, with the highest independent safety ratings and award-winning service. Clay Lacy established its operation at Waterbury-Oxford Airport in 2015 with the acquisition of <u>Key Air</u>, moving into a 65,000-square-foot facility and further expanding its East Coast aircraft management, maintenance, and business jet charter services. In 2019, Clay Lacy received FAA approval to open a Part 145 Repair Station, and has continued to broaden its capabilities and services, adding 50 new jobs.

"Clay Lacy Aviation has been an outstanding business partner at Waterbury-Oxford Airport, and we are thrilled with the expansion of their depth and breadth of services on the airfield," said Kevin A. Dillon, A.A.E., Executive Director of the Connecticut Airport Authority. "In addition to industry-leading aircraft management, maintenance, and jet charter services, a brand-new FBO and hangar complex will attract new business and bring more jobs to our local economy."

"We are honored to bring Clay Lacy's 52 years of experience and full complement of general aviation services to this new opportunity at Waterbury-Oxford Airport," said Brian Kirkdoffer, President and CEO of Clay Lacy Aviation. "We look forward to this long-term partnership with the CAA, and are committed to continuing our support of the local community and the state of Connecticut for many years to come."

About Clay Lacy Aviation

Founded in 1968 by legendary aviator and industry pioneer Clay Lacy. Today, Clay Lacy Aviation is considered the world's most experienced operator of private jets. Prominent individuals and leading corporations trust Clay Lacy for aircraft management, charter, maintenance, avionics, interiors and FBO services. The company has aircraft operations and regional offices across the U.S., including a full-service FBO at Van Nuys Airport in Los Angeles, a recently awarded FBO at Orange County's John Wayne Airport, and FAA Part 145 aircraft maintenance centers in Los Angeles, San Diego and Oxford, Connecticut. Visit claylacy.com

About The Connecticut Airport Authority

The CAA was established in 2011 to develop, improve, and operate Bradley International Airport and the state's five general aviation airports (Danielson, Groton-New London, Hartford-Brainard, Waterbury-Oxford, and Windham). The CAA Board consists of 11 members with a broad spectrum of experience in aviation-related and other industries, as well as government. The goal of the CAA is to make Connecticut's airports more attractive to new airlines, bring in new routes, and support Connecticut's overall economic development and growth strategy.